GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DISTRIBUTION OF LAND TO POORS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land collected under Bhoodan land and the area donated to deserving people in different States so far, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for not distributing the entire land to poors; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to complete the process of acquiring and distribution of land to poors?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) A statement showing State-wise area of Bhoodan land collected, distributed and yet to be distributed is enclosed.

(b) It has been reported by the States that the area of the remaining bhoodan land could not be distributed because it is either involved in litigation or unfit for cultivation.

(c) The issue relating to distribution of bhoodan land, ceiling surplus land and Government wastelands have, inter-alia, been discussed at various fora including Revenue Secretaries/Ministers Conferences. It has been impressed upon the States that the land free from all encumbrances be distributed to the eligible rural poor expeditiously. Such lands which are unfit for cultivation be provided financial assistance by dove-tailing various rural development schemes so as to make it fit for cultivation.